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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re:

AT&T Corp. Emergency Petition for Settlements Stop Payment Order and Request for Immediate Interim Relief and Petition of WorldCom, Inc. For Prevention of "Whipsawing" On the U.S.-Philippines Route (IB Docket No. 03-38)

Oral ExParte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 1, 2003, Albert Halprin spoke with Anna Gomez, Deputy Bureau Chief and Lisa Choi, Senior Legal Advisor, Policy Division, International Bureau, concerning possible approaches to interim and/or long-term solutions to the interconnection dispute between SMART and certain U.S. carriers. In addition to seeking clarification of the FCC's order of March 10, 2003, and Public Notice of March 31, 2003, we discussed the history of attempts by SMART and AT&T to reach agreement.

In connection with that, I have enclosed a summary of amounts due and oweable to SMART and a cover letter specifically indicating SMART's compliance with the Interconnection Telephone Service Agreement between itself and AT&T in connection with the termination of that agreement. These documents have been redacted to protect the confidential, proprietary nature of the material.

Counsel to SMART

**Enclosures** 

cc w/ encl:

Anna Gomez Lisa Choi

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11 February 2003

Mr. Michael Behrens AT&T International Law Room N447 412 Mt. Kemble Avenue Morristown NJ 07962 Fax 973-644-7089

Ms. Joy Dalley Route Manager 412 Mount Kemble Avenue Morristown, NJ 07962 AT &T COLLEGE PRICATION EURVICES PRIES, INC.

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Dear Mr. Behrens and Ms. Dalley:

We refer to your letters dated 03 February 2003 and 10 February 2003.

You informed us in your 03 February 2003 letter that you are not amenable to our proposed increase in the settlement rates as stated in our letter of 24 January 2003. Subsequently, you counter-proposed a termination rate of \$0.10 for mobile on-net traffic in your letter of 10 February 2003.

As you are aware, our standard commercial rates prior to our proposed new rates is already at \$0.12. Thus, we deem your counter-proposal of \$0.10 as an indication that you are not prepared to negotiate in earnest and are not willing, in good faith, to consider our business perspective. We therefore interpret this to mean that the parties cannot mutually agree on the new rates.

Accordingly, we have no other option but to terminate the International Telecommunications Service Agreement (ITSA) dated 27 September 1996. This will serve as our formal notice of termination effective 180 days from your receipt, in accordance with Section 12 of the ITSA.

Very truly yours,

DR ROGELIO V. QUEVEDO

Head-Legal & Carrier Business Group

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Cc: Mr. Romulo Carlos

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March 14, 2003

MR. MARK MILLER
Regional Director-Asia Pacific Route Management
412 Mount Kemble Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07962

Dear Mr. Miller:

We refer to your letter dated March 13, 2003.

In our letter dated March 12, 2003, SMART reiterated its position to terminate the Interconnection Telephone Service Agreement (ITSA) effective August 11, 2003. It was also conveyed that further discussions between SMART and AT&T shall only focus on settlement of AT & T's payables to SMART.

Our records show that AT&T owes SMART the amount of for the period January 2000 to February 2003. As can be seen in the attached statement of account, AT&T has an outstanding balance with SMART in the amount of for the period January 2000 to December 2001.

AT&T is aware that SMART started negotiating the payment by AT&T of (based on SMART records) since June 7, 2002. In August 12, 2002, AT&T presented its figures in the amount of the which was confirmed and accepted by SMART on November 15, 2002. Thereafter, SMART was advised by your Mr. Alphonso Small that payment for 2000 and 2001 outstanding accounts will be credited to SMART's account soonest.

Despite SMART's acceptance of the settlement amount presented by AT&T and the assurance by AT&T that payment was forthcoming, SMART did not receive a cent from AT&T for the payment of AT&T's undisputed and overdue obligation of \(\). As a further testament to AT&T's mockery of the settlement negotiations, SMART received another true up from AT&T's settlement group last January 15, 2003 presenting a settlement amount that is different and significantly lower than what has been previously agreed upon.

In view of AT&T's intentional delaying tactics which cannot be interpreted other than an unjustified refusal to pay an undisputed and overdue obligation, AT&T's failure to negotiate in good faith is manifest.

Sincerely

DR ROSELIO V. QUEVEDO

Head-Legal & Carrier Business Group

الله Cc: Joy Dalley من Michael Behrens



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AT&T Traffic Settlement (amount in US\$)

Applicable Month

Call Type

Minutes

Amount

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Rate

NECLICATION ...

October 2002

November January 2003

December

February

Sub-Total

October 2002

HCD

100

Navember December

January 2003

February

Sub-Total

October 2002

Surcharge

November

December January 2003

Sub-Total

Total Due to Smart

OUTBOUND TRAFFIC

October 2002

November

**Direct** 

December

January 2003

February

Sub-Total

October 2002

Transit

November

December

January 2003

February

Sub-Total

Total Ove to AT&T

Net Amount due to Smart

Add: Unsettled Traffic,

January 2000 - Occamber 2001

August - September 2002

**Total Unsettled Traffic** 

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TO SMART

AT&T Remittances/Payments:

10/10/02

11/15/02

12/18/02

01/22/03

Bank Service Charge

Total AT&T Remittances/Payments....

BALANCE DUE:TO/(FROM) SMARTHS!